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FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMCONSUL MONTREAL DATED 18 MAY 76 SENT  
ACTION OTTAWA INFO QUEBEC IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE--UNCLAS MONTREAL 604

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, CA

SUBJ: SPECULATION ABOUT PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

REF: MONTREAL 524

1. MONTREAL FRANCOPHONE DAILY MONTREAL MATIN OF MAY 18 SPECULATES THAT QUEBEC PREMIER ROBERT BOURASSA WILL CALL PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS FOR JUNE 21, 1976. THE DAILY CITES IN SUPPORT OF ITS FORECAST THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL LIBERAL CAUCUS CALLED FOR THE EVENING OF MAY 18, THE REGIONAL LIBERAL PARTY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19, THE RECENT PROVINCIAL BUDGET REPORTED BY MANY AS AN ELECTION DOCUMENT, BOURASSA'S RECENT VISITS TO NEW YORK AND CHICAGO, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S DELAY IN INTRODUCING LEGISLATION ON AUTO INSURANCE AND LABOR.

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2. MINIMUM LEGAL PERIOD FOR CALLING QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS  
IS 32 DAYS. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS BOARD  
INFORMED US THAT AN INTERIM CENSUS OF VOTERS WILL HAVE TO BE  
CONDUCTED IF ELECTIONS ARE CALLED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1976 WHEN  
NEXT REGULAR CENSUS IS SCHEDULED. LAST PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS WERE  
HELD OCTOBER 29, 1973, AFTER 35 DAYS NOTICE.

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